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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

6. (AMENDED) The method of claim 2 wherein the value sent by the first device is based on one or more mathematical operations using at least the identifier, the number of times the first device has connected to the second device, and a third number as operands.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

6. (AMENDED) The method of claim 2 wherein the value sent by the first device is based on one or more mathematical operations using at least the identifier, the number of times the first device has connected to the second device, and a third number as operands.

REMARKS

The above-noted amendments to the claims are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

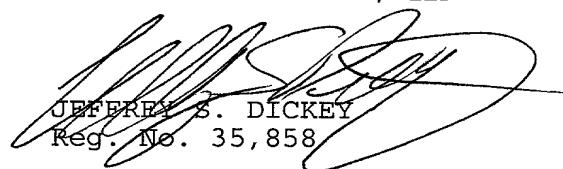
The above-noted amendments are respectfully submitted in order to correct a clearly inadvertent typographical error. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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